

266 Grafton Avenue  
Newark, New Jersey 07104  
May 13, 1961

Mr. Robert I. Smith  
Chairman of the Board  
Public Service Electric and Gas Company  
80 Park Plaza  
Newark, New Jersey 07101

Dear Mr. Smith:-

Why does the Public Service Electric and Gas Company have to tear down the American Insurance Building? It is about the last really beautiful building in Newark and it is located opposite what is left of Military Park. I have read of Renaissance Newark. I am not sure that it is. It seems aimed to convert Newark into an area of high rises, parking lots, public housing and slums. Please leave us something to enjoy looking at and be proud of.

Sincerely yours,

cc: Mr. Earl Harris, President  
Newark Municipal Council

Mr. Anthony Carrino, Councilman  
Newark Municipal Council